

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A process for producing a fabric material having a textured surface comprising the steps of:

5 providing a woven fabric having a warp yarn, at least a first pick yarn and a second pick yarn, said second pick yarn being nappable; napping said second pick yarn; and shearing said napped second pick yarn.

10 2. A process as defined in claim 1, wherein said second pick yarn is napped without napping said first pick yarn.

15 3. A process as defined in claim 1, wherein said napped second pick yarn is sheared using a shearing device and wherein said process further comprises the step of orienting said napped second pick yarn such that said napped yarn is perpendicular to the fabric face or faces away from said shearing device prior to said yarns being sheared.

4. A process as defined in claim 3, wherein said napped second pick yarns are oriented by being brushed.

20 5. A process as defined in claim 1, wherein said woven fabric comprises a jacquard fabric.

6. A process as defined in claim 1, wherein said first pick yarn is more tightly woven into said fabric than said second pick yarn.

7. A process as defined in claim 1, wherein said second pick yarn comprises a spun yarn.

25 8. A process as defined in claim 7, wherein said second pick yarn is made from cotton fibers.

9. A process as defined in claim 1, wherein said woven fabric contains said warp yarn in an amount from about 88 to about 250 warp yarns per inch and wherein said woven fabric contains said first pick yarn in an amount from about 34 to about 38 pick yarns per inch.

30 10. A process as defined in claim 1, wherein said second pick

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yarn is napped to fray said pick yarn without substantially breaking said yarn.

11. A process as defined in claim 1, wherein said second pick yarn is woven into said fabric using a sixteen end filling weave.

12. A fabric material comprising:

a woven fabric having a warp yarn, a first pick yarn and a second pick yarn, said second pick yarn being more loosely woven into said fabric in comparison to said first pick yarn, said second pick yarn being napped and subsequently sheared.

13. A fabric material as defined in claim 12, wherein said second pick yarn comprises a spun yarn.

14. A process as defined in claim 12, wherein said woven fabric comprises a jacquard fabric.

15. A fabric material as defined in claim 12, wherein said warp yarn is present in said woven fabric in an amount of from about 88 warp yarns per inch to about 250 warp yarns per inch, and said first pick yarn is present in said fabric in an amount from about 34 yarns per inch to about 38 yarns per inch.

16. A fabric material as defined in claim 12, wherein said second pick yarn comprises a spun cotton yarn having a yarn count of from about 6/2 to about 6/1.

17. A fabric material as defined in claim 12, wherein said second pick yarn comprises a continuous filament polyester yarn.

18. A fabric material as defined in claim 12, wherein said woven fabric comprises an air jet woven fabric.

19. A fabric material as defined in claim 13, wherein said second pick yarn contains synthetic fibers.

20. A fabric material as defined in claim 15, wherein said warp yarns have a denier of from about 100 to about 2,000.

21. A fabric material as defined in claim 12, wherein said second

pick yarns form a visible pattern on said fabric.

22. A fabric material as defined in claim 12, wherein said woven fabric includes from about 3 to about 7 pick yarns per inch.

5 23. A fabric material as defined in claim 12, wherein said first pick yarn is woven into said fabric using a plain weave, a tabby weave, or a taffeta weave.

24. A fabric material as defined in claim 12, wherein said first pick yarn has a yarn count from about 12/1 to about 6/1 or equivalent count thereof.

10 25. A fabric material having a textured surface comprising:

a jacquard fabric having a warp yarn, a first pick yarn and a second pick yarn, said second pick yarn being more loosely woven into said fabric in comparison to said first pick yarn, said second pick yarn comprising a spun yarn, said second pick yarn being napped from the surface of said fabric and subsequently sheared, said second pick yarn being woven into said fabric so as to form a visible pattern on said fabric.

15 26. A fabric material as defined in claim 25, wherein said warp yarn is present in said woven fabric in an amount of from about 88 warp yarns per inch to about 250 warp yarns per inch, and said first pick yarn is present in said fabric in an amount from about 34 yarns per inch to about 38 yarns per inch.

20 27. A fabric material as defined in claim 25, wherein said second pick yarn comprises a spun cotton yarn having a yarn count from about 6/2 to about 6/1.

25 28. A fabric material as defined in claim 25, wherein said first pick yarn is woven into said fabric using a plain weave, a tabby weave, or a taffeta weave.